

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A molded container comprising:
a lower tray portion;
an upper lid portion, the upper lid portion being configured to overlay and be securely coupled to the lower tray portion so as to substantially enclose objects positioned between the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion; and
one or more standoffs positioned between the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion to maintain a desired displacement between the a top surface of the upper lid portion and a bottom extremity of the lower tray portion, wherein each of the one or more standoffs ~~providing a friction~~ provide a snap coupling adapted to minimize movement of the upper lid portion relative to the lower tray portion.
2. (Original) The molded container of claim 1, wherein the lower tray portion is adapted to at least partially enclose objects positioned therein.
3. (Currently Amended) The molded container of claim ~~1~~ 34, wherein the one or more standoffs comprise a first member and a second member, the second member being placed between the first and second rows.
4. (Original) The molded container of claim 3, wherein the first member of the standoff is coupled to the upper lid portion.

5. (Original) The molded container of claim 4, wherein the second member of the standoff is coupled to the lower tray portion.

6. (Original) The molded container of claim 5, wherein the first member is adapted to be coupled to the second member to provide a friction coupling.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The molded container of claim ~~4~~ 3, wherein ~~the molded container is manufactured utilizing a thermoplastic molding technology~~ at least one of the first and second members includes lateral surfaces.

9. (Currently Amended) A molded container comprising:

a lower tray portion, the lower tray portion being configured to at least partially enclose objects positioned therein;

an upper lid portion, the upper lid portion being configured to overlay and be securely coupled to the lower tray portion so as to substantially enclose objects positioned between the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion; and

one or more standoffs positioned between the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion to maintain a desired displacement between the a top surface of the upper lid portion and a bottom extremity of the lower tray portion, each of the one or more standoffs comprising a first and second member which ~~providing~~ provide a snap-coupling adapted to minimize lateral movement of the upper lid portion relative to the lower tray portion while preventing inadvertent separation of the upper lid portion from the lower tray portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The molded container of claim ~~9~~ 35, wherein the first and second rows are arranged on the lower tray portion ~~includes a plurality of enclosure rows~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The molded container of claim 10, wherein ~~the enclosure first and second rows are~~ include a plurality of ridges configured to hold cookies.

12. (Currently Amended) The molded container of claim 11, wherein the lower tray portion ~~includes three enclosure rows~~ at least one additional row arranged adjacent to at least one of the first and second rows.

13. (Currently Amended) The molded container of claim 12, wherein ~~each of the three enclosure rows is~~ the at least one additional row includes a plurality of ridges configured to hold ~~eight~~ cookies.

14. (Original) The molded container of claim 9, wherein the first member of the standoff includes an annular ridge and an insertion neck.

15. (Original) The molded container of claim 14, wherein the second member of the standoff includes a securement void.

16. (Original) The molded container of claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the annular ridge and the insertion neck are positioned in the securement void to couple the first member to the second member.

17. (Currently Amended) A molded container comprising:

a lower tray portion;

an upper lid portion, the upper lid portion being configured to overlay and be securely coupled to the lower tray portion so as to substantially enclose objects positioned between the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion; and

a multi-angle seal adapted to facilitate the selective coupling of the upper lid portion and the lower tray portion, the multi-angle seal including a first member and a second member, at least one of the first and second members including:

a first transverse compression sealing surface,

a first perpendicular surface positioned adjacent to the first transverse compression sealing surface,

a transverse tension sealing surface positioned adjacent to the first perpendicular surface,

a second perpendicular surface positioned adjacent to the transverse tension sealing surface,

a second transverse compression sealing surface positioned adjacent the second perpendicular surface,

a top surface positioned adjacent to the second transverse compression sealing surface, and

a third transverse sealing surface positioned adjacent to the top surface,

wherein at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides a resistive force when the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion are forced together, at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides a resistive force when the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion are forced in opposite directions, and wherein at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides resistive force to minimize lateral movement of the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion relative to one another.

18. (Original) The multi-angle seal of claim 17, wherein the multi-angle seal is formed from at least a portion of the perimeter of the upper lid portion.

19. (Original) The multi-angle seal of claim 18, wherein the multi-angle seal is formed from at least a portion of the perimeter of the lower tray portion.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The multi-angle seal of claim ~~20~~ 17, wherein the first member and the second member cooperatively interact to prevent inadvertent separation of the upper lid portion from the lower tray portion.

22. (Currently Amended) The multi-angle seal of claim ~~20~~ 17, wherein the first member includes at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides a resistive force when the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion are forced together, at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides a resistive force when the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion are forced in opposite directions, and wherein at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides resistive force to minimize lateral movement of the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion relative to one another.

23. (Currently Amended) The multi-angle seal of claim ~~20~~ 17, wherein the second member includes at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides a resistive force when the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion are forced together, at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides a resistive force when the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion are forced in opposite directions, and wherein at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides resistive force to minimize lateral movement of the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion relative to one another.

24. (Currently Amended) A molded container comprising:

a lower tray portion, the lower tray portion being configured to at least partially enclose objects positioned therein;

an upper lid portion, the upper lid portion being configured to overlay and be securely coupled to the lower tray portion so as to substantially enclose objects positioned between the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion; and

a multi-angle seal adapted to facilitate the secure coupling of the upper lid portion and the lower tray portion, the multi-angle seal being formed from at least a portion of the perimeter of the upper lid portion and at least a portion of the perimeter of the lower tray portion, the multi-angle seal including a first member and a second member, at least one of the first and second members including:

a first transverse compression sealing surface,

a first perpendicular surface positioned adjacent to the first transverse compression sealing surface,

a transverse tension sealing surface positioned adjacent to the first perpendicular surface,

a second perpendicular surface positioned adjacent to the transverse tension sealing surface,

a second transverse compression sealing surface positioned adjacent the second perpendicular surface,

a top surface positioned adjacent to the second transverse compression sealing surface, and

a third transverse compression sealing surface positioned adjacent to the top surface,

wherein at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides a resistive force when the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion are forced together, at least one surface of the multi-angle seal provides a resistive force when the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion are forced in opposite directions, and wherein at least one angle of the multi-angle seal provides resistive force to minimize lateral movement of the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion relative to one another.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) The molded container of claim ~~27~~ 24, wherein the first transverse compression sealing surface of the first member engages the first transverse compression sealing surface of the second member, the transverse tension sealing surface of the first member engages the transverse tension sealing surface of the second member, and the first perpendicular lateral sealing surface of the first member engages the lateral sealing first perpendicular surface of the second member.

29. (Original) The molded container of claim 28, wherein one or more of the sealing surfaces of the first and second member comprise transverse surface that provide a combination of resistance to lateral forces and either compressive forces or tensile forces.

30. (Currently Amended) The molded container of claim ~~25~~ 24, wherein the first member includes ~~a~~ the first transverse compression sealing surface, ~~a~~ the first perpendicular surface, ~~a~~ the transverse tension sealing surface, ~~a~~ the second perpendicular surface, ~~a~~ the second transverse compression sealing surface, ~~a~~ the top surface, and ~~a~~ the third transverse sealing surface.

31. (Currently Amended) The molded container of claim ~~25~~ 30, wherein the second member includes ~~a~~ the first transverse compression sealing surface, ~~a~~ the first perpendicular surface, ~~a~~ the transverse tension sealing surface, ~~a~~ the second perpendicular surface, ~~a~~ the second transverse compression sealing surface, ~~a~~ the top surface, and ~~a~~ the third transverse sealing surface.

32. (Original) The molded container of claim 24, wherein the molded container provides an air tight seal.

33. (Currently Amended) A molded container comprising:

a lower tray portion, the lower tray portion being configured to at least partially enclose objects positioned therein;

an upper lid portion, the upper lid portion being configured to overlay and be securely coupled to the lower tray portion so as to substantially enclose objects positioned between the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion;

one or more standoffs positioned between the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion to maintain a desired displacement between the a top surface of the upper lid portion and a bottom extremity of the lower tray portion, wherein each of the one or more

standoffs comprise a first and second member which ~~providing~~ provide a snap-coupling adapted to minimize lateral movement of the upper lid portion relative to the lower tray portion while preventing inadvertent separation of the upper lid portion from the lower tray portion; and

a multi-angle seal adapted to facilitate the secure coupling of the upper lid portion and the lower tray portion, the multi-angle seal being formed from at least a portion of the perimeter of the upper lid portion and at least a portion of the perimeter of the lower tray portion, wherein at least one angle of the multi-angle seal provides a resistive force when the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion are forced together, at least one angle of the multi-angle seal provides a resistive force when the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion are forced in opposite directions, and wherein at least one angle of the multi-angle seal provides resistive force to minimize lateral movement of the lower tray portion and the upper lid portion relative to one another.

34. (New) The molded container of claim 1, further comprising a first row and a second row both arranged on at least one of the upper lid portion and the lower tray portion, the first row being separated from the second row, and at least one of the standoffs being positioned adjacent to and between each of the first and second rows.

35. (New) The molded container of claim 9, further comprising a first row and a second row both arranged on at least one of the upper lid portion and the lower tray portion, the first row being separated from the second row, and the second member being oriented adjacent to and between the first and second rows.